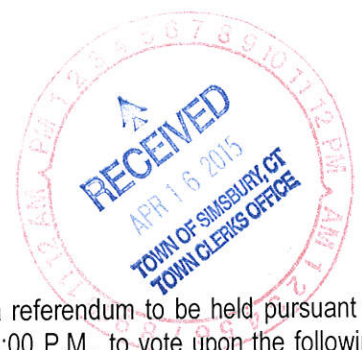


NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
TOWN OF SIMSBURY
MAY 5, 2015



The Electors and eligible voters of the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut, are hereby warned of a referendum to be held pursuant to Simsbury Charter Section 406 on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., to vote upon the following items:

1. The Town Budget recommended by the Board of Finance for the period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, as published below.

At its meeting held on April 8, 2015, the Board of Finance recommended and approved the following resolutions for the operating budgets for Fiscal Year 2015-2016:

- a. Be it resolved, that the appropriation recommended and approved by the Board of Finance for the purposes of paying the expenses of the Board of Selectmen annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, shall be approved and implemented in the amount of \$18,867,969.
- b. Be it resolved, that the appropriation recommended and approved by the Board of Finance for the purposes of paying the expenses of the Board of Education annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, shall be approved and implemented in the amount of \$66,453,005.
- c. Be it resolved, that the appropriation recommended and approved by the Board of Finance for the purposes of paying the expenses of Sewer Use Fund (Sewer Treatment Plant), Residential Rental Properties, Simsbury Farms/Special Programs, Non-public Schools, Debt Retirement/Capital and Capital Non-recurring annual budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, shall be approved and implemented in the amount of \$13,257,653.

2. Upon the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, a resolution, (a) to appropriate ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,100,000) for improvements to the Simsbury Farms including, improvements to the skating rink (creation of an enclosed seating areas, sanding and painting, and upgrades to the refrigeration system) and the pool area (main pool: replacement of gutter system, anchors and deck equipment and installation of new shotcrete walls, drains and surge tank; dive pool: installation of new tile, coping and wall coating; training pool: installation of new tile and wall coating; filter room: replacement of all valves, flow meters, controllers and chemical pumps). The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, acquisition and installation costs, right-of-way acquisition, materials, administrative, testing, engineering fees, consultant and legal fees, related improvements, repairs or renovations, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Board of Selectmen may determine the particulars, and may reduce or modify the scope, of the project, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the reduced or modified project.

(b) to authorize the issue of bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,100,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The term of the bonds or notes shall not exceed ten years.

(c) to authorize the issue and renewal of temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,100,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(d) to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town to sign any bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

(e) to declare the official intent of the Town under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(f) to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

(g) to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Treasurer and other proper officers of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds, notes or other obligations to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

3. Upon the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, a resolution, (a) to appropriate TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,150,000) for the design, acquisition and installation of climate control improvements to the following school facilities: Simsbury High School, Henry James Memorial School, Central School, Latimer Lane School, Squadron Line School, Tariffville School, and Tootin' Hills School. The appropriation may be spent for design, engineering and other consultants' fees, equipment costs, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project and its financing. The Board of Education may determine the particulars, and may reduce or modify the scope, of the project, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the reduced or modified project.

(b) to authorize the issue of bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,150,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Sections 7-369 and 10-289 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The term of the bonds or notes shall not exceed ten years.

(c) to authorize the issue and renewal of temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,150,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Sections 7-378 and 10-289a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(d) to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town to sign any bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

(e) to declare the official intent of the Town under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(f) to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

(g) to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Education, the First Selectman, the Treasurer and other proper officers of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds, notes or other obligations to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

The questions with respect to the Town Budget for the period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, will be placed on the voting machines under the following headings:

1. Shall the appropriation recommended and approved by the Board of Finance for the purposes of paying the expenses of the Board of Selectmen annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, be approved and implemented in the amount of \$18,867,969?
2. Shall the appropriation recommended and approved by the Board of Finance for the purposes of paying the expenses of the Board of Education annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, be approved and implemented in the amount of \$66,453,005?
3. Shall the appropriation recommended and approved by the Board of Finance for the purposes of paying the expenses of Sewer Use Fund (Sewer Treatment Plant), Residential Rental Properties, Simsbury Farms/Special Programs, Non-public Schools, Debt Retirement/Capital and Capital Non-recurring annual budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, be approved and implemented in the amount of \$13,257,653?

The resolutions under items 2 and 3 above will be placed on the voting machines under the following headings:

4. Shall the Town of Simsbury appropriate \$1,100,000 for improvements to the Simsbury Farms skating rink and pools and authorize bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?
5. Shall the Town of Simsbury appropriate \$2,150,000 for installation of climate control improvements to Simsbury High School, Henry James Memorial School, Central School, Latimer Lane School, Squadron Line School, Tariffville School, and Tootin' Hills School and authorize bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?

A "YES" vote is a vote to approve an appropriation. A "NO" vote is a vote to reject an appropriation. During regular business hours, the full text of each question is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office, 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Connecticut,

and online at simsbury-ct.gov. The location of the polling place for the Referendum will be as follows: Henry James Memorial School, rear gymnasium, 155 Firetown Road, Simsbury, Connecticut. Electronic tabulators will be used. The polling place will be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots will be available in person at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours through May 4, 2015. Any person who is an Elector of the Town of Simsbury or any citizen of the United States of America of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, is liable to the Town for taxes assessed against him or her on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the Simsbury Grand List dated October 1, 2014, is eligible to vote (CGS Section 7-6).

Carolyn Keily, Town Clerk, Town of Simsbury

TOWN OF SIMSBURY
SIMSBURY BUDGET AND CAPITAL BUDGET

	Adopted FY2015	Proposed FY 2016	Change	
			Dollar	Percentage
Board of Selectmen	18,711,363	18,867,969	156,606	0.84%
Debt Retirement	6,166,819	6,166,819	-	0.00%
Board of Education	65,602,817	66,453,005	850,188	1.30%
Non-Public School	533,737	537,737	4,000	0.75%
Total Appropriations	91,014,736	92,025,530	1,010,794	1.11%
LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES	7,964,741	8,211,703	246,962	3.10%
BALANCE TO BE RAISED	83,049,995	83,813,827	763,832	0.92%

	ACTUAL REVENUE 2014	BUDGET REVENUE 2015	ACTUAL REVENUE 12.31.2014	PROJECTED REVENUE 6.30.2015	ESTIMATED REVENUE 2016
GENERAL FUND REVENUES					
Property Taxes - Interest & Liens	254,717	300,000	115,231	300,000	300,000
Licenses & Permits	708,823	538,200	240,368	538,200	638,200
Fines & Forfeitures	54,206	59,500	24,715	59,500	59,500
Intergovernmental Revenues	6,002,633	6,014,332	1,447,636	6,014,332	6,012,193
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	240,398	235,000	232,281	251,250	252,601
Charges for Goods & Services	592,535	556,800	270,399	556,800	563,300
Interest Income	17,712	25,000	10,644	25,000	150,000
Rental of Town Owned Property	171,087	136,000	55,442	136,000	136,000
Local Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Assessments	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	793,984	99,909	25,952	99,909	99,909
Total General Fund Revenue Budget	8,836,095	7,964,741	2,422,667	7,980,991	8,211,703
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	FY 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 BUDGET	FY 2015 12.31.2014	FY 2015 6.30.2015	FY 2016 PROPOSED
Expenditures By Function					
General Government	1,108,137	1,091,826	663,920	1,091,826	1,115,549
Financial Services	871,899	941,507	410,364	941,507	980,406
Planning & Development	467,131	538,084	228,034	538,084	532,008
Public Safety	4,250,490	4,190,046	2,064,235	4,190,046	4,393,121
Public Works	3,885,295	3,773,630	1,793,527	3,773,630	3,894,123
Health and Welfare	557,750	577,755	284,150	577,755	605,430
Culture, Parks & Rec	2,206,887	2,171,259	1,054,187	2,171,259	2,246,041
Fringe Benefits & Insurance	4,833,767	5,046,891	3,423,129	5,046,891	4,595,676
Operating Transfers	391,810	380,365	-	380,365	505,615
Total Board of Selectmen	18,573,166	18,711,363	9,921,548	18,711,363	18,867,969
Debt Service	6,284,178	6,166,819	310,909	6,166,819	6,166,819
Education	64,948,218	66,136,554	32,632,706	66,136,554	66,990,742
Total General Fund	89,805,562	91,014,736	42,865,162	91,014,736	92,025,530

	Adopted FY2015	Proposed FY2016	Change	
			Dollar	Percentage
Water Pollution Control Fund	3,395,564	3,395,564	-	0.00%
Residential Property Fund	48,230	41,320	(6,910)	-14.33%
Simsbury Farms Complex	1,877,200	1,891,200	14,000	0.75%
Total Appropriations	5,320,994	5,328,084	7,090	0.13%

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REVENUES	ACTUAL REVENUE 2014	BUDGET REVENUE 2015	ACTUAL REVENUE 12.31.2014	PROJECTED REVENUE 6.30.2015	ESTIMATED REVENUE 2016
Water Pollution Control Fund					
Sewer Assessment	2,650,802	2,851,002	2,573,133	2,851,002	2,624,417
Sewer Assessment - Interest & Liens	26,439	32,000	20,938	32,000	27,000
Interest Income	250	7,517	129	7,517	7,997
Intergovernmental Revenues	409,927	409,927	204,964	409,927	409,927
Local Revenue	288,583	411,290	198,747	411,290	326,223
Use of Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-
Total Water Pollution Control Fund	3,376,001	3,711,736	2,997,910	3,711,736	3,395,564
Residential Property Fund					
Rental of Town Owned Property	62,787	48,230	36,370	48,230	41,230
Simsbury Farms Complex					
Charges for Goods & Services	810,801	879,500	247,720	879,500	819,000
Rental of Town Owned Property	31,675	41,000	22,497	41,000	39,000
Other Revenue	449,544	46,700	-	46,700	143,200
Golf Course Fee	857,374	910,000	423,957	910,000	890,000
Total Simsbury Farms Complex	2,149,394	1,877,200	688,160	1,877,200	1,891,200
Total Special Revenue Funds	5,588,182	5,637,166	3,722,440	5,637,166	5,327,994

Expenditures By Function	FY 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 BUDGET	FY 2015 12.31.2014	FY 2015 6.30.2015	FY 2016 PROPOSED
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS					
Water Pollution Control Fund					
Public Works	1,817,925	1,998,183	801,402	1,998,183	1,998,183
Operating Transfers	97,150	99,909	-	99,909	99,909
Debt Service	1,265,207	855,280	632,604	855,280	855,280
Total Water Pollution Control Requests	3,180,283	2,953,372	1,434,006	2,900,274	2,953,372
Residential Property Fund					
Public Works	43,448	39,705	6,098	39,705	31,288
Debt Service	8,522	8,525	-	8,525	8,522
Total Residential Properties	51,970	48,230	6,098	48,230	39,810
Simsbury Farms Complex					
SF Administration	206,016	219,565	95,750	219,565	223,580
Special Programs	399,177	381,888	262,660	381,888	378,559
Simsbury Farms Complex	467,042	438,464	230,463	438,464	448,120
Golf Course	818,209	826,583	442,683	826,583	840,941
Operating Transfers	24,000	10,700	-	10,700	-
Total Simsbury Farms Complex	1,914,444	1,877,200	1,031,556	1,877,200	1,891,200
Total Special Revenue Funds	5,146,697	4,878,802	2,471,661	4,825,704	4,884,382
TOTAL BUDGET	94,952,259	95,933,538	45,336,823	95,840,440	96,909,912

FY2015 CAPITAL & NONRECURRING FUND BUDGET	Actual 11/12	Actual 12/13	Actual 13/14	Actual 14/15	Requested FY15	FY2016	
						Charge -Back Against General Fund	Other /State Grants

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tourism Gateway Signs	10,000	2,000
Tariffville Sidewalk Improvements	100,000	20,000
Building & Maint 1 ton dump truck/emergency radio	38,000	7,600
Highway 1 ton dump truck	45,000	9,000
Highway Roadside Mower	130,000	26,000
Golf Utility Vehicle	13,000	2,600
Golf Greensmower	29,000	5,800

FY2013		
Citrix Server Software	13,000	2,600
Dump Truck w/Plow	130,000	26,000
instaALERT LED Display Unit	13,310	2,662
Web-based Info & Record Mgmt sys	25,000	5,000
3/4 Ton Pick-up Truck	38,000	7,600
1 Ton Dump Truck	58,000	11,600

Upgrade Town Software MS Office Suite	19,000	3,800
AFIS Machine-Lobby	20,287	4,057
AFIS Machine-Booking Room	14,454	2,891
Exchange Server-hardware/software	55,000	11,000
Ford F150 Pick-up Truck	25,000	5,000
Community Farm boiler	10,000	2,000
Scout Hall Boiler	6,500	1,300
Road Improvements	45,000	9,000
3/4 Ton Pick-Up Truck	32,500	6,500
Pinchot Tree Paving	10,000	2,000
Greens Mower	39,000	7,800
Rotary Rough Mower	38,000	7,600
Dump Trailer & Leaf collection	8,500	1,700
TOB Energy Efficiency Upgrade/Improvements	60,000	12,000
Memorial Pool Building Stain	10,000	2,000
Clubhouse Carpeting	23,000	4,600

Replacement Plow Truck	140,000	28,000
Plate Compactor	5,250	1,050
Community Town Farm Improvements	14,500	2,900
3 Police Patrol Vehicles	87,000	17,400
1 Police Fixed Speed Sign	2,800	560
Golf Course Maintenance Equipment	75,000	15,000
Park Maintenance Equipment	88,000	17,600
Library Maintenance Equipment	3,700	740

DPW - Sign Inventory	30,000	6,000	
DPW - Plow Truck*	150,000	13,290	83,550
DPW - One Ton Pick-Up Truck buildings and grounds	38,500	7,700	
DPW - One Ton Pick-Up Truck Highway	38,000	7,600	
DPW - Library Gutter Melt	26,300	5,260	
Police - 3 New Vehicles	87,000	17,400	
Engineering - GIS Technology / Workorder system	40,000	8,000	
Parks - Equipment replacement	56,000	11,200	
IT - Network Infrastructure	28,000	5,600	
IT - Central Mailing Office Equipment	6,000	1,200	

BOARD OF SELECTMEN TOTAL

365,000	277,310	416,241	416,250	499,800	378,210	83,550
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Buses/Vehicles	222,000	170,000	291,000	206,000	303,000	238,400
Ceiling/Flooring Replacement	95,000	126,000	56,000	46,000	75,000	79,600
Interior Improvements	121,000	195,000	162,500	132,500	87,500	139,700
Plumbing/Electrical Modifications		10,000	10,000	23,000	31,000	14,800
Heating Modifications	50,000	-				10,000
Equipment - Instructional / Non-Instructional	32,000	9,000		97,000	36,000	34,800
Exterior Improvements		10,000	51,000	66,000	38,000	33,000

BOARD OF EDUCATION TOTAL

520,000	520,000	570,500	570,500	570,500	550,300	-
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LoCIP Pavement Management	161,441	157,471	180,360	155,184	154,713	-	154,713
Transportation Facility Improv.		387,000					
State Reimbursements	161,441	157,471	180,360	155,184	154,713	-	154,713

SIMSBURY FARMS

Rough Mower	53,500						
SIMSBURY FARMS TOTAL	-	53,500	-	-	-	-	-
Sewer Main Extensions - Engineering		272,320					
Farmington River Stream Bank Stab - Design		100,000					
Subtotal Water Pollution Control Requests		372,320	-				
TOTAL CAPITAL & NON-RECURRING	1,046,441	1,008,281	1,539,421	1,141,934	1,225,013	928,510	238,263

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Town Projects:

SF Rink/Pool Improvements*	1,100,000
Park Improvements	508,000
Open Space Planning and Improvements	145,000
Weatogue Planning Route 10 and Code Preparation Work	57,000
Salt Shed Replacement	375,000
Municipal Building Renovations	50,000
Dam Evaluations and Repairs	30,000
Public Works Complex Infrastructure Improvements	280,000
Town Hall Site and Safety Improvements	45,000
Portable Generator / Generator Infrastructure	80,000
Project Planning Fund	28,000
Various Drainage Improvements	175,000
	<u>2,873,000</u>

Water Pollution Control Projects:

Sewer Main Extensions	371,000
Inline Grinder and Screen Replacement	260,000
Hopmeadow/Center Area Sewer repairs	135,000
West Mtn. Road Area Sewer Interceptor - Design	50,000
Portable Generator	80,000
Portable Six (6) Inch Dri-Prime Pump	72,000
	<u>968,000</u>

Board of Education Projects:

District Network Infrastructure	200,000
Climate Control (Phase 1 - 7 buildings)*	2,150,000
Central School Roof Replacement	770,000
	<u>3,120,000</u>

TOTAL PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	6,961,000
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* Pursuant to Section 406 of the Town Charter an appropriation amount in excess of one percent (1%) of the annual budget for the then current fiscal year shall be subject to an automatic referendum by all qualified voters of the Town of Simsbury.